[Mr. E. K. Kunjuraman.]

(*b*) if they are in receipt of the revised estimate, what is the sum mentioned in it; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for the delay?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*):

(*a*) A revised estimate for the construction of an R. C. bridge has been prepared in the Chief Engineer's Office and will be forwarded to Government shortly.

(*b*) The amount of estimate is Rs. 15,000.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works.

342. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric works have been recently inspected and examined by a European Engineer; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, (i) the circumstances which necessitated such an inspection and examination, and (ii) the expenses incidental thereto?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes. By Signor Angelo Omodeo, an Italian Engineer in 1935 and by Signor Marcello in 1936.

(*b*) (i) It was considered desirable to obtain expert advice on two important items of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project, *viz.*, the Head Works and Fore-bay. The services of the Italian Engineer were engaged for the investigation of Hydraulic problems in the State and his visit for that purpose was taken advantage of to obtain his expert advice on the above two works.

(ii) Rs. 8,125.

The Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

343. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme:

(*a*) how far the work has progressed;

(*b*) the total outlay so far;

(*c*) how long it would take to finish the works;

(*d*) the officers in charge of the works; and

(*e*) the endeavour so far made to find out markets for the consumption of electricity?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The progress of the various works is detailed below:

1. *Head Works.* The designs of these works have been finally settled and construction will be started immediately. It is expected that these works will be completed in all respects before April 1937. Nevertheless the Hydro-Electric Plant could be put in operation much earlier as a subsidiary intake which forms part of the Head Works is expected to be taken up and completed before January 1937.

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